

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

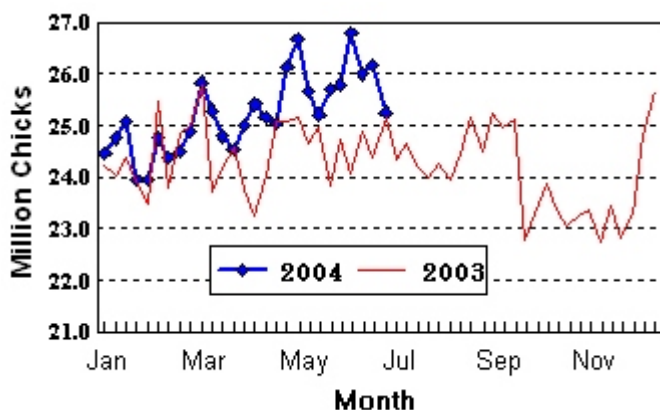
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.3 million during the week ending July 3, 2004. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2003, but down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 3, 2004 were 681.8 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.4 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

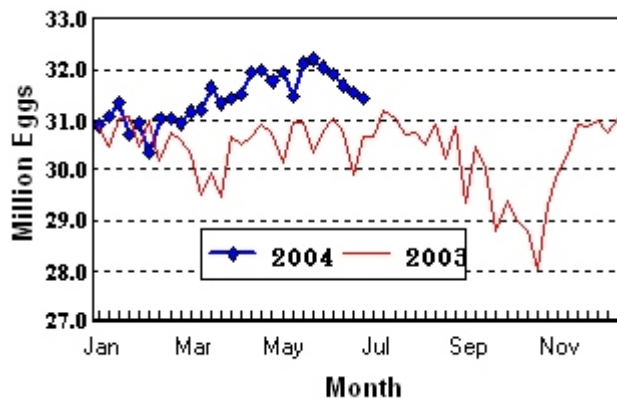
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 3, 2004, up 3 percent from the same period last year, but down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
May 29	23,863	25,729	108	25,136	26,384	105	30,369	32,245	106
Jun. 5	24,744	25,792	104	25,944	26,677	103	30,797	32,066	104
Jun. 12	24,094	26,808	111	25,855	26,514	103	31,052	31,916	103
Jun. 19	24,892	26,008	104	25,268	26,502	105	30,754	31,718	103
Jun. 26	24,413	26,173	107	25,540	26,585	104	29,935	31,556	105
Jul. 3	25,195	25,253	100	25,629	26,419	103	30,676	31,452	103

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul		29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	
Alabama	30,296	30,715	30,373 *	30,690	107	22,028	22,168	22,248	21,248	20,484 *	21,372	99
ARKANSAS	31,916	31,718	31,556	31,452	103	25,729	25,792	26,808	26,008	26,173 *	25,253	100
Delaware	3,844	3,923	3,793	3,444	94	5,724	5,252	5,535	4,729	4,647	4,881	95
Florida	1,371	1,375	1,369	1,371	103	1,576	1,474	1,500	1,645	1,644	1,548	89
Georgia	33,392 *	33,360	33,413	33,079	102	25,221	26,384	26,951	26,919	27,443	28,324	108
Kentucky	7,135	6,900	7,086	7,235	110	5,805	5,918	6,080	6,267	6,012	6,113	105
Louisiana	3,892	3,892	3,892	3,922	98	4,172	4,092	3,669	3,908	3,490	3,936	95
Maryland	9,012	8,996	8,983	8,892	96	5,099	5,560	5,849	6,276	6,334	6,197	109
Mississippi	19,682	19,845	19,742	19,845	106	17,077	17,280	17,251	17,538	17,258	17,288	105
N. Carolina	19,114 *	19,210	18,500	17,667	100	15,618	15,577	15,010	15,162	15,442	15,116	105
Oklahoma	6,453	6,856	6,344 *	6,619	112	4,219	4,799	4,630	4,268	5,372 *	4,600	117
Pennsylvania	3,969 *	3,957 *	3,924 *	3,792	99	2,838	2,760	2,627 *	2,298 *	2,615 *	2,793	101
S. Carolina	3,733	3,809	3,697	3,785	86	5,174	4,636	4,453	4,439	4,087	3,985	108
Texas	15,193	15,191	15,264	15,058	102	13,126	12,912	12,985	13,019	12,789	12,752	102
Virginia	6,768	6,763	6,811	6,832	104	5,264	5,292	5,428 *	5,386	5,236	5,216	84
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,715	17,629	17,195 *	16,631	97	15,491	16,985	17,293	16,192	15,698 *	16,183	99
Total 2004	213,485 *	214,139 *	211,942 *	210,314		174,161	176,881	178,317 *	175,302 *	174,724 *	175,557	
Total 2003	209,410	207,133	201,877	205,357		170,346	173,036	173,964	172,611	172,446	171,574	
%Prev. Year	102	103	105	102		102	102	103	102	101	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul	07-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 210 million eggs during the week ending July 3, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 3, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 3, 2004 were 4.64 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.